

Categorical Exclusion

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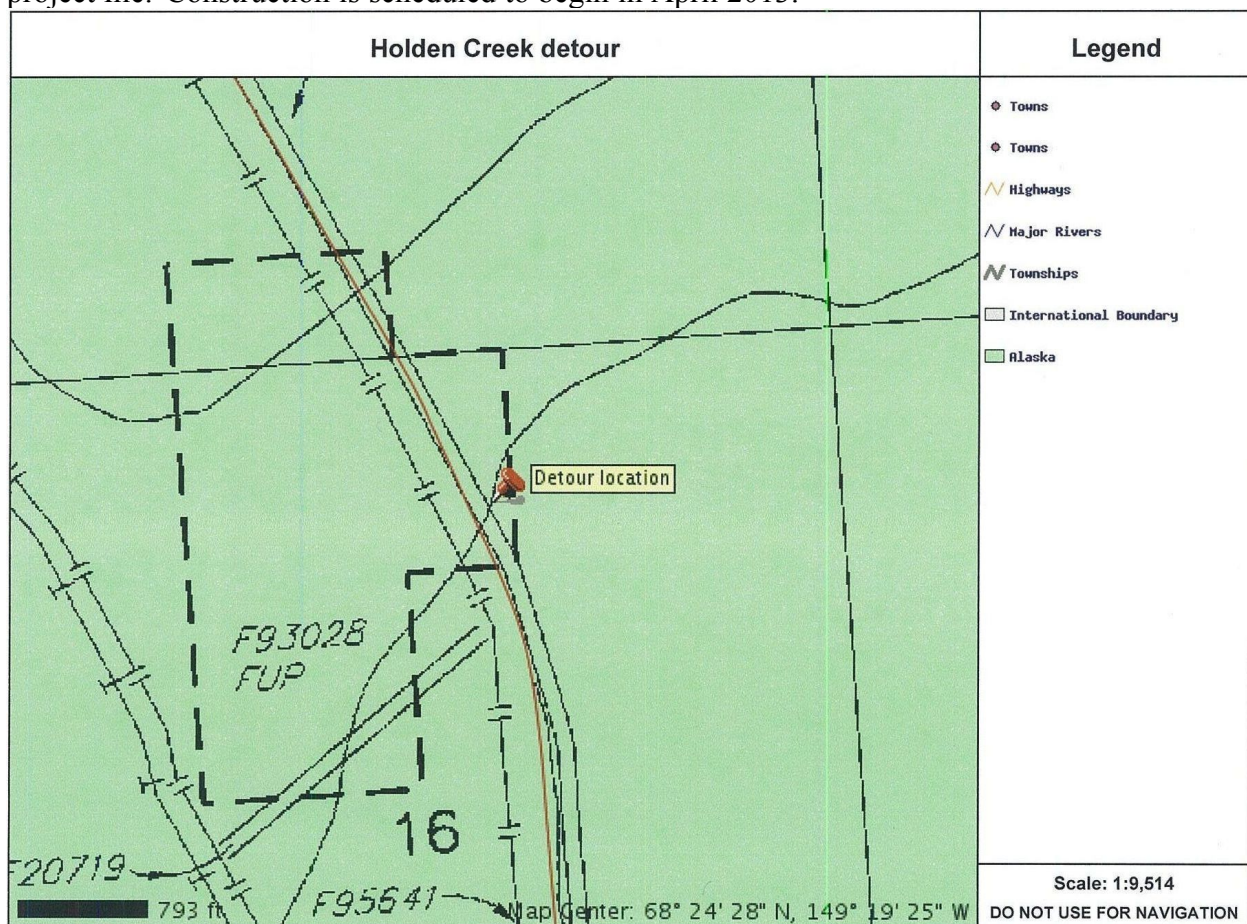
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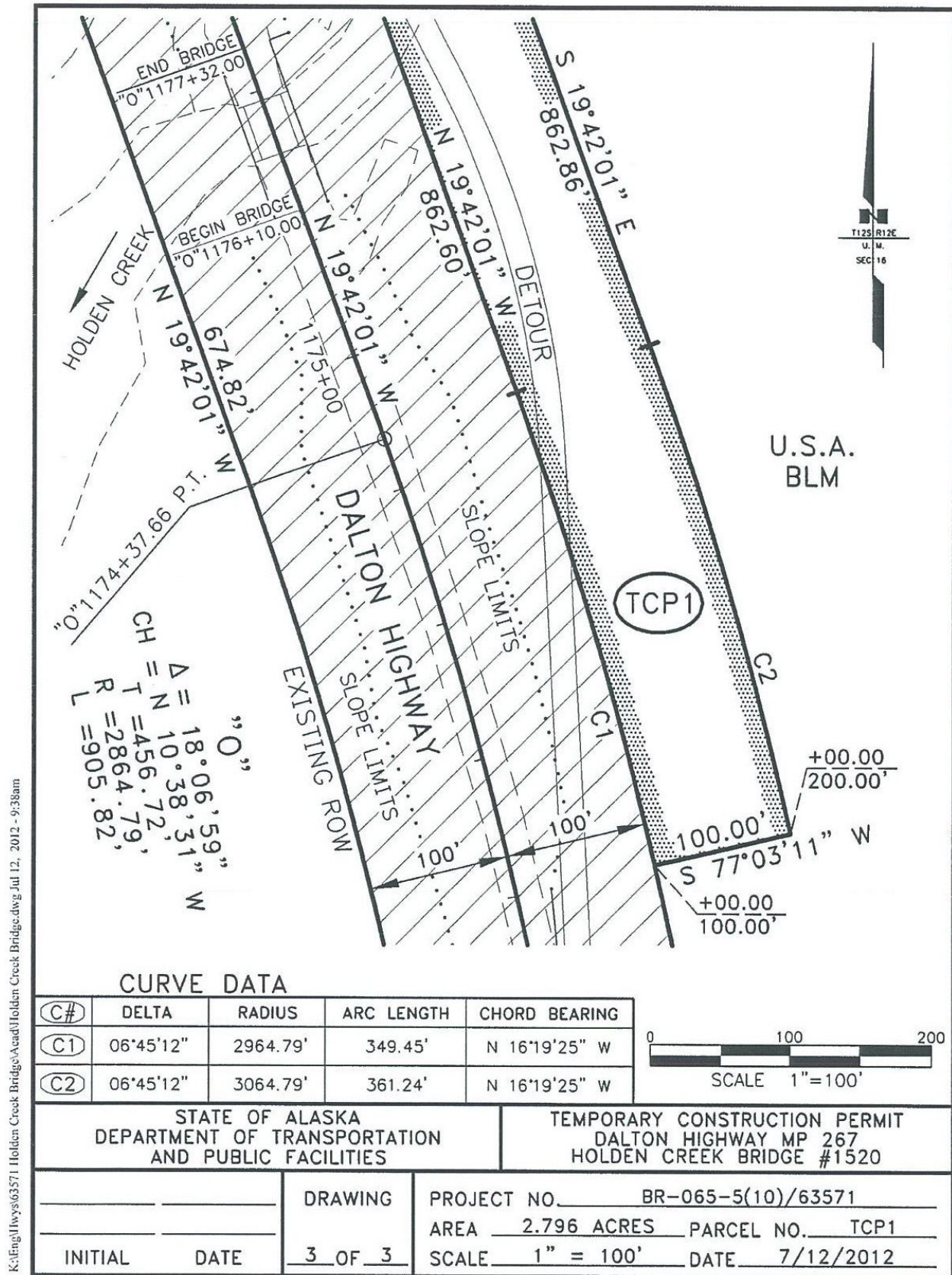
Lease/Serial/Case File No.: FF021145

Proposed Action Title/Type: Temporary Construction Permit for Replacement of Holden Creek Bridge

Location of Proposed Action: Sec. 16, T12S, R12E, Umiat Meridian — Dalton Highway
Milepost 267, Holden Creek

Description of Proposed Action: DOT&PF will be replacing the Holden Creek bridge, and seeks a temporary construction permit for space immediately east of The Dalton Highway right-of-way, for the purpose of providing a detour to prevent disruption of traffic. The proposed detour runs through the eastern portion of Free Use Permit #FF093028 issued to AKDOT&PF, authorizing gravel extraction, specifically, that portion east of the Dalton Highway right-of-way. DOT&PF has submitted detailed project plans, research and analysis, which are available for review in the project file. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2013.





Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Utility Corridor Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: January 11, 1991

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions) : Utility Corridor Resource Management Plan, 1/11/1991, Appendix N, Lands Program Objective 1, Implementing Action 7, found on page N-8, which states:

7. Continue to process all discretionary applications. Approve use authorization applications with emphasis given to previously disturbed sites. Use authorizations include the following:
- a. Rights-of-way for access roads, pipelines, power lines, utilities, railroads, etc.
 - b. Temporary use permits in conjunction with rights-of-way.
 - c. Leases, permits, and easements pursuant to Section 302 of FLPMA.

Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, Appendix 4, E. 16, which states; "Acquisition of easements for an existing road or issuance of leases, permits, or rights-of-way for the use of existing facilities, improvements, or sites for the same or similar purposes."

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

D. Approval and Contact Information

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